

## Message Text

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DEPT PASS AS APPROPRIATE

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: ERITREAN SITUATION

1. ATTACKS BY INSURGENTS ON TRACT A (ADJACENT CONGEN) TRACT E (LOCATION 2ND DIV HDQS AND KAGNEW POWER PLANT), TRACTS C, F, AIRPORT AND EXPO SITE (LOCATION 1ST DIV HDQS) BEGAN APPROX 2025 HRS LOCAL.

2. VERY HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AT TRACT A. ILLUMINATION USED BY ETH NAVY AT TRACT A WHICH CONTINUED COUNTERFIRE FOR SOME TIME. DO NOT BELIEVE ANY DAMAGE TO CONGEN COMPOUND.

3. HEAVY FIRE AT TRACT B PROVOKED COUNTER FIRE BY COMMANDO POLICE PROTECTING TRACT B. DISTRIBUTION PANEL AT GENERATING PLANT TRACT E TOOK DIRECT HIT. TRACT E LOST POWER BUT OTHER TRACTS INCLUDING CONGEN KEPT POWER. HOWEVER, PHASING PROBLEM PREVENTED COMMUNICATIONS FOR ABOUT AN HOUR UNTIL CONGEN AUXILLIARY POWER BROUGHT IN. LIKE OUTBOARD MOTORS, AUXILIARY POWER PLANTS NEVER WORK WHEN NEEDED.

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TRACT B SATTELITE OUT FOR 4 HRS.

4. COMMENT: COORDINATED ATTACKS ON TRACT A, (READ CONGEN) AND TRACT  
E (READ POWER SUPPLY TO CITY OF ASMARA) SUGGEST INSURGENTS  
ALREADY REACTING TO NEWS STORY ON POSSIBLE AMMUNITION RESUPPLY  
BY USG TO EPMG. VISIT BY MAAG AIRCRAFT TO ASMARA BRING COMMUNICATIONS  
GEAR, CLASSIFIED POUCHES AND MAIL, MAY HAVE BEEN MISINTERPRETED BY  
INSURGENTS AS AMMUNITION RESUPPLY RUN.  
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